

HARRY S. TRUMAN
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY 8, MISSOURI

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Dear Polly:

I don't know when I've enjoyed an evening more than I did the one last evening at your house. It was a most pleasant association and I am more than happy that you called me.

Sincerely yours,

Harry

Mr. Louis L. Compton
318 North Delaware
Independence, Missouri

Truman at the "Harpy Club"

Drew Pearson in his Washington Merry-Go-Round described President Truman's last night in Independence, Missouri, as a most enjoyable evening spent playing poker with old friends, all members of the "Harpy Club," an organization of Independence business men, founded in 1925. The game was at the home of Louis L. Compton, owner and manager of the Independence Bottling Company.

Truman dealt the first hand. It was dealer's choice and he chose Seven-card Stud. All players dropped out except the President and John Hutchinson, an Independence coal dealer. Hutchinson had two Jacks showing and another Jack down. Truman, who had bluffed Hutchinson into two raises, had two Queens showing and nothing down except a nine spot and a seven spot. Hutchinson drew his last card and lost. Truman had two Queens.